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1. The KVPD (Verband) in Loebau I was subordinate to the TV Dresden and consisted of a headquarters, a motor company, a motor course, a band, an infirmary, a headquarters platoon, an S-1 company, an S-2 company, an S-3 company, a guard detail for the Nochten training grounds, the 1st Inf Regt, the 2d Inf Regt which came from Zittau in mid-May 1953, the 3d Inf Regt which also came from Zittau in mid-May 1953, the C instruction battalion which moved to the summer camp in April 1953, the SBA which moved to Zittau in mid-May and the Bereitschaft school which had a personnel of 3 officers and 2 NCOs and consisted of 2 A platoons, each with 1 officer, 3 NCOs and 27 personnel, 1 medium mortar platoon and 1 heavy machine gun platoon each with 1 officer, 2 NCOs and 18 personnel. The unit was quartered in the barracks installation on Georgewitzer Strasse. 1
2. Officers of the unit included Lieutenant Colonel Rexin (fnu) as commanding officer and Major Ochsenknecht (fnu) as chief of staff. About 25 percent of the personnel were of the 1932 class, about 40 percent of the 1933 class, about 25 percent of the 1934 class and about 10 percent of the 1935 class. Seventy percent of the personnel came from Saxony, 15 percent from Brandenburg, 10 percent from Thuringia and 5 percent from Saxony-Anhalt. About 35 percent were communists, 30 percent were indifferent and 35 percent disliked the regime.
3. At 11 a.m. on 17 June, alert III was given. About 600 VPs were trucked to Goerlitz on 20 trucks at 2 p.m. They occupied all enterprises in Goerlitz and sealed off areas. Soviet units had already removed all striking workers from the plants. Firing order was given on 19 June. On 22 June, the troops were withdrawn to Loebau. The other elements of the unit were employed to quell the strike in Niesky on 18 June. Alert II was given on 25 June. Alert III was resumed on 28 June. About 40 trucks loaded with personnel moved to Schneller Strasse, Berlin-Oberschoeneweide. The personnel was employed on Kiefholz Strasse and Dammweg in Berlin-Treptow. They relieved guard details who were stationed in Berlin and wore blue uniforms.
4. Additional about 20 KVPs who came from the Grossenhain VP processing camp arrived at the KVPD in Loebau I on 16 June.

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1. Comment. KVPD Loebau probably furnished the so-called cadre unit for the troop training grounds in Weisswasser subordinate to the camp komendatura. Tank elements of the C Instruction Battalion probably were detached to the Tank Regiment Spremberg or permanently transferred to Nochten-Weisswasser. The artillery elements (SBA) were probably detached to units activated in Zittau which included 1 artillery regiment and 1 AAA regiment.

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